

STRUCK MINETTA WATER.

DISCOVERIES OF EXCAVATORS ON
SIEGEL, COOPER & CO.'S SITE.

A Lively Spring Where the Brook Used to Be and, Apparently, the Two Gutters of the Old Southampton Road for Channels.

The men who have been at work for a month or two digging out earth and rock for the cellar of the great store which the Chicago firm of Siegel, Cooper & Co. is to occupy at Sixth and

due and Fifthteenth and Nineteenth streets, and in putting down to the solid rock the foundations for the building, have been greatly troubled at times by running across what seemed to be live underground streams of water running through the block.

Fortunately the rock at this part of the city does not lie very deep, and so the live streams have not added much to the cost of the work or created much delay. Until May 1 the buildings of the Fifthteenth and Sixteenth streets cannot be torn down, and therefore the great cellar excavation at present skips them. Over the remaining expanse, at distances of eighteen and twenty feet apart, seven-foot square pillar foundations are being sunk. At the back of the lot the rock rises to within six or eight feet of the sidewalk level, and has to be blasted away. From there it slopes toward Sixth avenue until, about the middle of the excavation, it lies thirty feet below the sidewalk and sixteen feet below

about three weeks ago the workmen first came across one of the underground streams. They worked down first through a stratum of clay then through sharp sand, then into a peat, which indicated made ground, and finally into a coarse sand and gravel, in which were found many small bones and fragments of pottery. The stratum in diameter to 4 or 5 inches. Through this stratum spring water boiled up, and in such a way that it was impossible to dig any further. After the water pipe was sunk, the course of the old stream became fairly well defined. It had passed diagonally across the centre of the lot from the south-east to the north-west, and in the north-west corner of the lot, what appeared to be another and distinct water course was struck. This was a small stream, but it ran in the same direction. The rock bottom was found to fall away toward the south. A reference to old maps

The land was once part of the Farm of Admiralty, which ran from the present shore, near where Seventh Avenue now is, and Varnum's alley with that avenue, was the Warren road, where it came to the water. The old mill race, where it crossed Third street now is, with the Abingdon road, which is now approximately Twenty-third street, form the western end of these roads, near Seventeenth street and Seventh avenue, began at Southampton road, which curving in a quarter circle, also ran up to and joined the Abingdon road. This road crossed the water at the foot of the hill, and the water courses have been discovered just below the level of the water surface. It is very likely, may be the complete staves were the cobblestones of its gutter, Minnetta Brook, or Minnetta Creek, as they are called, ran down either side of this lot. The eastern branch had its head at Twenty-first street and Broadway, and ran eastward to the intersection of Second and Seventeenth street now crosses, probably at the corner of the lot, where it joins Southampton road to join this western branch, and it is the water following these old courses that has been discovered flowing through the sand and cobbles.

RICHIE-LOOKER.

A Society Meeting at Newport News

NEWPORT, Aug. 24.—J. Wadsworth Ritchie,

a descendant of one of the old New York families, and Miss Emily Tooker, whose father has for many seasons been a visitor here, were married this afternoon at 3 o'clock in All Saints' Memorial Chapel. The Rev. George G. Magill of old Trinity performed the ceremony. G. M. Tooker, the bride's father, gave her away. Mrs. Whitney, her sister, was her only attendant, there being no bridesmaids.

The bridegroom was attended by Austin Wadsworth, his cousin, and the ushers were Messrs. Hamilton W. Cary, De Courcy Forbes, H. Mattland Kersey, Rawlins Cottonet, Perry Belmont, Reginald Roder, Woodbury Kane, J. Easton, J. H. Hunter, Hittcher, and John S. Tooker. The bridesmaids were the following: The bridegroom's sisters to the maids were Miss Edith and Miss Margaret, both with the monogram of the bridegroom, and one that of the ushers on.

The bride was attired in a white satin dress with a high collar and long sleeves, and a white chiffon. Sprays of artificial orange blossoms and leaves caught up the folds and protruded from the skirt. The bride carried a bouquet of numerous and of great value. Mrs. Astor sent a pair of hair pins, a dozen pens and spoons, a pair of hair brushes, a pair of hair combs, and an immense living cup and old English plate, both of solid silver. Mrs. J. J. Astor carried a bouquet of flowers, and the brides-

chairs tall, and Mrs. Perry Belmont gave another handsome pair. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt sent an exquisite pair, the frame of which was mother of pearl, and the top of which was made of the valuable china cups and saucers. Mrs. R. K. Calhoun gave a photograph of a saddle horse, the pick of her race, which is to be sent as a gift when shipping directions have been received. Mrs. J. W. Aldrich gave a pair of a heavy silver plate with high relief chasing. Mrs. Ogden (revel) sent a large silver dish extensively engraved with a design of a sailing ship, and each gave a silver tea service. Arthur Renshaw gave a pair of silver cups and saucers. In all there were a great many other fine presents from well known society people.

Mr. Hirsh started in on clam number seven with gusto. Suddenly he stopped and an expression of pain shot over his features. He said something under his breath. "Problems," he said. He waited as if the cook hurried, up simultaneously to hear what it was.

Carefully, from his mouth, Hirsh took a little, smooth, blue-tinted globe. It was a pearl. He showed it to the waiter. "Problems," he said. The waiter's light and revolved it between his thumb and finger.

In his excitement Proprietor Barth offered

just for the hint. Hirsch would not say how happy he ought to be until yesterday morning. A Mideast man happened to be in the room and found that he measured a quarter of an inch in diameter and estimated its value at \$100,000. Hirsch said it was the most valuable he had found from being still more valuable. After the pearl has been set it will replace Hirsch's Kimberley diamond in his scarf.

Followed the Votes and Escaped.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 24. The Williamson block, on the southeast corner of the public square, was entirely destroyed by fire last night. The fire was caused by a gas leak about \$100,000. Dr. C. W. Dean, who slept in his office, was awakened by the smoke and ran out into the hall. He could see nothing, and quickly returned to his office. He was alone for some way of escape when a policeman, who had discovered the fire, burst in the door and relieved him.

The policeman's voice descended the stairs and escaped. He had his medicine case and clothes in his arms. A colored watchman named Hawley escaped by means of a fire escape, but was severely asphyxiated, and had to be sent to a hospital.

Baseball Team of Yonkers Aldermen.

YONKERS, Aug. 24. The Common Council today named the baseball team which is to contest honors with the Aldermen of Mount Vernon on Labor Day. In a game which Mayor Strong of New York city will umpire. The Al-

dermen club. Alderman F. Alexander Houston is their captain. The Youkers team will beat the Aldermen, either. Brotherie, catcher; Gail, first base; Kacer, second base; Reynolds, third; Mayor Decker and Houston, short stop; Tompkins, full back; McLaughlin, left half; Macpherson and Fitzgerald, center field. The Aldermen will practice every evening back of the carport until the day of the game.

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